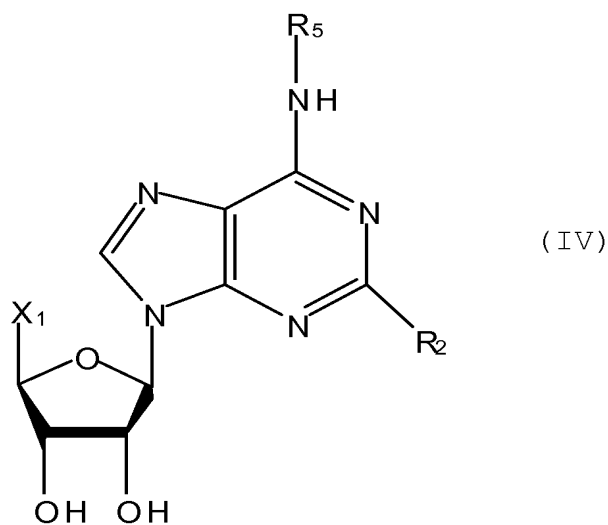
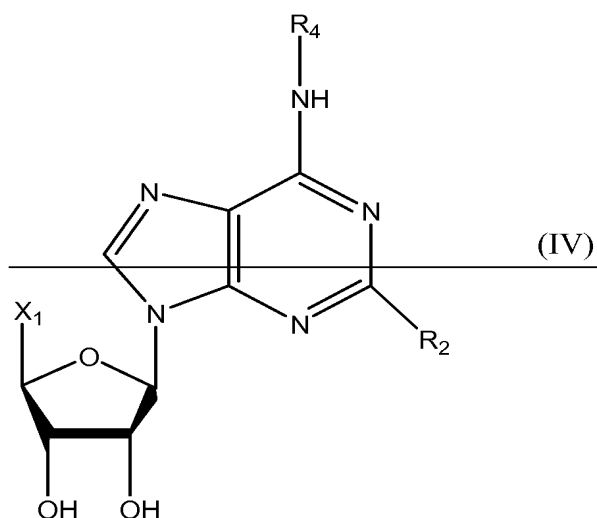


Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 24 and ending on page 15, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

According to one preferred embodiment, the A₃RAg is a nucleoside derivative of the general formula (IV):



wherein **X₁**, **R₂** and **~~R₄~~R₅** are as defined above, and
physiologically acceptable salts of said compound.